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"*If ye use demon oil against a poltergeist, best be ready to see a specter angrier than an ex woken at three in the morn 'cause ye suddenly regret it and want her back.*"

—Roth Trunla, dwarven jack of all trades and companion of the (notoriously disastrous in matters of the heart) Griffin School witcher Putnam Pitch, after surviving a poltergeist encounter alongside him.

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Basic Information

Type

Witcher oil

Purpose

Mostly in circumstances where the enemy has taken on a form of possession that renders it immune to ordinary specter oil as well as a tool against powerful demons and some forms of necromancy

Composition

Ingredients

Laurel, rosemary, dill, charcoal and crushed thyme

Base

Any base oil not intended for swords (bear fat oil is not strictly necessary)

Other Information

Popular among

Witchers
Although in most cases witchers can confront demons using specter oil—since a demon is essentially a particular kind of specter—there are situations in which such a preparation proves ineffective. It is in these cases that a more specialized variant comes into play: **demon oil**.

Uses

Demon oil is employed in circumstances where the enemy has taken on a form of possession that renders it immune to ordinary specter oil.

- **Demon Possessions**: when a demon inhabits the body of an animal, a person, or any other vessel, demon oil allows the witcher to expel it without resorting to an exorcism or to complex combinations of Signs such as Yrden followed by Aard.
- **Possessing specters**: it is equally effective against other types of specters that seize control of objects or animated beings.
- **Poltergeists**: in the case of these entities, demon oil not only expels them from the possessed object but also prevents them, for a prolonged time during combat, from re-entering others. This quality is particularly valuable, as much of their strategy relies on hurling objects at their target until either the victim is slain or their surroundings are depleted.

- **Necromancy**: in the rare cases where necromantic practices are used, such as the animation of soldiers' skeletons, this oil becomes indispensable. Contrary to what popular tales claim, destroying bones alone is not enough: as long as the spirit remains, the corpses will rise again and again.
- **Powerful demons**: in extremely unusual situations, demon oil reduces the abilities of highly powerful demonic entities which each strike of the silver blade, giving the witcher a chance to banish them back to their plane of origin. In such encounters, it is recommended to apply demon oil first to the blade, and once the being is sufficiently weakened, specter oil to finish the task.

Recipe

The preparation of demon oil is similar to that of specter oil.

- Use any base oil not intended for swords (bear fat oil is not strictly necessary).
- Add arenaria, a fundamental ingredient of specter oil.
- Incorporate the following substances:
    - Laurel
    - Rosemary
    - Dill
    - Charcoal
    - Crushed thyme

  Allow the mixture to cool and purify.

The result is an oil of black coloration with grayish undertones near the lower layers of the preparation, distinctive of its nature.

Notes

- To the untrained eye, it may be mistaken for pumpkin seed oil; however, its ingestion is fatal.
- It has a distinctly bitter taste, largely due to the charcoal.
- When applied to the tree-like beings known as Nemeta, upon their trunk and in combination with the Igni Sign, it produces a strong combustion capable of eradicating even their roots.
- It is widely employed by witchers of the School of the Viper, who use it in tandem with specter oil within their two-sword fighting style known as the "*Fangs of the Viper.*"
- It is also fairly popular among witchers of the School of the Bear.
- Conversely, witchers of the School of the Griffin and the School of the Wolf do not use it frequently, as their methods of combating specters and demons rely more heavily on the application of Signs.